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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Lodging Houses—Permit, Overcrowding, Ventilation, Baths, Water-closets, Cleanliness, Spittoons, etc. (Reg. Dept. of Health, Mar. 30, 1915.)

Regulations of the department of health of the city of New York, adopted March 30, 1915, effective April 1, 1915, relating to section 334 of the Sanitary Code which provides as follows:

SEC. 334. *Lodging houses regulated.*—No lodging house containing rooms in which there are more than three beds for the use of lodgers, or in which more than six persons are allowed to sleep, shall be conducted, maintained, or operated in the city of New York without a permit therefor issued by the board of health or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the said permit and the regulations of the said board.

REGULATION 1. *Information to be given in application.*—The applicant must file with this department, in duplicate, a written application, dated, signed by himself, and correctly setting forth—

(*a*) The full name and address of the proprietor of the lodging house and of the owner of the premises.

(*b*) The location of the lodging house.

(*c*) Whether or not the building or any part thereof was used as a lodging house prior to January 1, 1898.

(*d*) The portions of the building it is intended to use as a lodging house.

REG. 2. *Certificates from the fire department and bureau of buildings required.*—The applicant shall procure from the fire department of the city of New York and the bureau of buildings of the borough of said city in which the lodging house is located, respectively, a certificate to the effect that the premises for which a permit is desired complies with all fire and building laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to lodging houses. Such certificates shall be filed with the department of health at the time the application is made for the permit.

REG. 3. *Permit to be displayed.*—The permit of the department of health issued for such lodging house shall be continuously and conspicuously displayed in the office or hall of such lodging house.

REG. 4. *Number of lodgers permitted.*—(*a*) No keeper of a lodging house shall receive lodgers therein without displaying continuously and conspicuously in each sleeping room a card issued for said room by the department of health, setting forth the greatest number of lodgers it is permitted to accommodate in said room, and also a copy of these regulations.

(*b*) No keeper of a lodging house shall accommodate in any sleeping room thereof a number of lodgers greater than the number set forth on the card issued for said room by said department; nor shall he accommodate any lodger in any room in which a card, duly issued therefor, is not displayed as above described.

REG. 5. *Ventilation.*—(*a*) In every lodging house each room shall be adequately ventilated as required by law and to the satisfaction of the department of health.

(*b*) In every sleeping room there shall be provided not less than 400 cubic feet of air space per bed.

(*c*) Neither side of any bed shall be at any time nearer than 2 feet to the side of any other bed.

(*d*) All beds shall be so arranged that the air shall circulate freely under each of them.

(*e*) In the case of all lodging houses for which permits are for the first time applied for after the year 1910, no beds or bunks shall be placed one above another.

REG. 6. *Airing, etc.*—(*a*) Except when extreme severity of the weather prevents, all windows of sleeping rooms, water-closets, wash rooms, and bathrooms shall be kept open not less than 1 foot at the bottom and 1 foot at the top at least four hours daily.

(*b*) Beds occupied at night shall be vacated by 10 a. m. or 12 m., and the bedding thereof shall be turned over and exposed to the air from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. or from 12 m. to 4 p. m. daily, as shall be prescribed by the permit issued for each lodging house.

(*c*) For the accommodation of lodgers working by night, special beds or rooms shall be set apart for their use during the day, but the bedding of such beds must be turned over and exposed to the air in a room with outside windows, open as above prescribed, for at least four consecutive hours daily.

(*d*) Only servants at work or day sleepers that work at night shall be allowed in sleeping rooms between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. or 12 m. and 4 p. m.

REG. 7. *Beds and bedding.*—(*a*) In every lodging house there shall be provided for each lodger a separate bed with bedstead, bedding, and bedclothes satisfactory to the department of health.

(*b*) All mattresses shall be provided with waterproof coverings, and shall be so arranged as to be at all times easily capable of thorough inspection.

(*c*) All beds, bed clothing, mattresses, and pillows shall always be kept clean and free from vermin.

(*d*) Sheets and pillowcases shall be kept in a condition clean and satisfactory to the department of health.

(*e*) In the case of all lodging houses for which permits are for the first time applied for after the year 1910, the frames of all beds shall be of metal.

REG. 8. *Water-closets.*—(*a*) In every lodging house there shall be provided water-closets in the ratio of at least 1 water-closet to every 15 beds or fraction thereof.

(*b*) In every lodging house for which a permit shall be first applied for after February 1, 1911, there shall be provided at least one water-closet on each floor, and water-closets shall be provided on every floor in the ratio of at least 1 to every 15 beds or fraction thereof on such floors.

(*c*) Every water-closet shall be properly ventilated by an unobstructed opening to the outer air.

(*d*) No gas or offensive odors shall be allowed to escape from any water-closet, sewer, or outlet into any sleeping room or part thereof. Each water-closet shall be provided with a self-closing door, which shall be cut away at the bottom so as to provide adequate ventilation.

(*e*) In no lodging house shall any person be allowed to sleep in a room in which there is a water-closet.

(*f*) In every lodging house for which a permit shall be first applied for after February 1, 1911, there shall be provided at least one wash room on each floor.

(*g*) In every lodging house there shall be provided wash rooms with running water, set washbasins or other individual washing appliances satisfactory in character to the department of health. Such individual appliances shall be provided in proportion to the number of beds in the lodging houses, as follows: One such appliance for every 10 beds or fraction thereof.

REG. 9. *Baths.*—(*a*) In every lodging house shower baths shall be provided in the ratio of at least 1 shower bath for every 50 beds or fraction thereof, or tub baths shall be provided in the ratio of at least 1 tub bath to every 25 beds or fraction thereof.

(*b*) All such baths shall be provided with hot and cold running water, and shall be at all times accessible for the use of lodgers free of charge.

REG. 10. *Water and towels.*—An adequate supply of water and clean individual towels shall be provided. The use of common towel is prohibited.

REG. 11. *Floors and walls of water-closets, etc.*—In every lodging house the floors of all water-closets, wash rooms, and bathrooms, and the walls thereof to a height of at least 4 feet above the floor, shall be constructed of such durable, waterproof material as may be approved by the department of health.

REG. 12. *Cleanliness.*—(*a*) Every lodging house and every part thereof shall be at all times kept clean and free from dirt, filth, garbage, and rubbish in or on the premises belonging to or connected with the same.

(*b*) All water-closets, washbasins, baths, windows, fixtures, fittings, and painted surfaces shall be at all times kept thoroughly clean and in good repair.

(*c*) The floors, walls, and ceilings of all rooms, passages, and stairways must be at all times kept clean and in good repair.

(*d*) If painted with oil, all walls and ceilings shall be thoroughly washed with soap and water at least twice yearly, and at such other times as the department of health may direct.

REG. 13. *Spitting and cuspidors.*—(*a*) In each hall room, cubicle, water-closet, wash room and bathroom of every lodging house there shall be provided a sufficient number of cuspidors or spittoons.

(*b*) In every such room, etc., there shall be continuously and conspicuously displayed a sign: "SPITTING FORBIDDEN EXCEPT IN PROPER RECEPTACLES."

(*c*) All such cuspidors or spittoons shall be of durable waterproof material and shall be thoroughly cleaned at least once daily, and shall be at all times maintained in a condition satisfactory to the department of health.

REG. 14. *Method of sweeping regulated.*—Sweeping of any portion or portions of such lodging houses shall be so performed as to avoid the raising of dust in the process. Dry sweeping prohibited.

REG. 15. *Illness.*—It shall be the duty of the keeper, agent, or owner of every lodging house to immediately report to the department of health the occurrence of any illness in such house.

REG. 16. *No women or children lodged.*—In no lodging house in which men are lodged shall any woman or girl be lodged, or any boy under the age of 16 years, unless accompanied by his father or legal male guardian.

Bathing Places—Establishment and Maintenance. (Reg. Dept. of Health, Mar. 30, 1915.)

Regulations of the department of health of the city of New York adopted March 30, 1915, effective April 1, 1915, relating to section 340 of the Sanitary Code, which provides as follows:

SEC. 340. *Bathing establishments regulated.*—Bathing suits shall not be hired out, nor shall any bathing establishment be maintained in the city of New York without a permit therefor, issued by the board of health, or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit and the regulations of said board.

GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BATHING ESTABLISHMENTS.

REGULATION 1. *Water-closet accommodations.*—Suitable and adequate water-closet accommodations for each sex, conveniently located in properly ventilated compartments approved by the department of health, shall be provided. Such water-closets and water-closet compartments shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, so as not to cause a nuisance or to contaminate the water used by bathers.

REG. 2. *Bathing suits, towels, etc., to be sterilized.*—Suitable and adequate facilities, approved by the department of health, shall be provided for sterilizing bathing suits, towels, shoes, stockings, caps, or other articles used when hired to patrons of the